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SUBJ: SMALL-INDUSTRIES PROPOSAL BY CHECCHI AND CO.

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- 1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH MIN INDUSTRIES SMALL INDUSTRIES DIVISION DIRECTOR F.J. OKONO. OKONO CONFIRMED RUMOR THAT FMG HAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAWAL REQUEST FOR PARTIAL IBRD FINANCING OF PROJECT.
- 2. UNABLE TO GIVE DEFINITIVE REPORT CURRENT STATUS OF SMALL INDUSTRIES PROJECT BECAUSE FMG'S FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS ASKED FOR A REEVALUATION OF PROJECT FROM MIN INDUSTRIES. HOWEVER, OKONO WILL WRITE REEVALUATION MEMO HIMSELF AND SAID QTE PROJECT IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE UNQTE. ALTHOUGH SCOPE OF ORIGINAL PROJECT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CENTERS IN ALL 18 STATES, OKONO SAID WOULD PROBABLY RETAIN IBRD PROCEDURES AND ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE.
- 3. OKONO SUGGESTS THAT CHECCHI DEFER VISIT UNTIL AFTER MEMO HAS BEEN CLEARED SINCE IT IS POSSIBLE, THOUGH NOT PROBABLE, THAT FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN PROJECT. EMBASSY WILL CHECK WITH MIN INDUSTRIES ON SEPTEMBER 27, PER OKONO'S REQUEST, TO DETERMINE MEMO'S STATUS.
- 5. EMBOFF ALSO TALKED TO WORLD BANK REP REITTER ON SUBJECT.
 REITTER CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE OF OKONO'S REMARKS ALTHOUGH HE
 ADMITTED WORLD BANK'S EXPERTISE AND INTEREST WERE RAPIDLY WANING
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FOLLOWING THEIR EXCLUSION FROM PROJECT. NONETHELESS, HE WILL BE

PLEASED TO DISCUSS PROJECT'S STATUS WITH CHECCHI REPS WHEN THEY ARRIVE.

6. REITTER SAID LIST MIN INDUSTRIES OFFICIALS GIVEN TO CHEECHI BY PERM SEC JODA INCLUDED ALL RELEVANT PERSONALITIES INVOLVED IN PROJECT AND ADVISED THAT OKONO WAS STILL IN CHARGE OF PROJECT. AFTER CONVERSATION WITH OKONO, EMBASSY SUPPORTS REITTER'S VIEWS. BELIEVE ADDITIONAL CONTACTS OUTSIDE MIN INDISTRIES WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL.

7. REITTER STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW OF UNFAIR PRACTICES BY THE GERMAN GROUP. EMBOFF, IN SPEAKING WITH OKONO, DID NOT DETECT ANY FAVORITISM. EASUM

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